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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 6, 2000 in the captioned application, please amend claim 22 as follows:

22. (Amended) The peripheral apparatus according to Claim [21] 20, constructed to continue signal processing for the information processing apparatus in the case of coincidence of the first and second security codes.

REMARKS

This Second Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to correct a typographical error appearing in claim 22.